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SUBJECT: ECE SPECIAL SESSION OF SENIOR ADVISORS ON
ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

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1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT EFFORTS BY EC AND OTHERS TO
ADD THIRD POSSIBLE TOPIC TO AGENDA OF ANY HIGH-LEVEL
MEETING (HLM) WILL BE MAJOR CAUSE OF CONTENTION WITHIN
WESTERN CAUCUS DURING JUNE 7-9 MEETING.

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2. U.S. CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT TWO TOPICS ALREADY
SINGLED OUT COME CLOSEST TO MEETING CRITERIA. WE SHOULD
AT THIS STAGE ATTEMPT TO LIMIT BOTH EC ABILITY TO
DILUTE AGENDA SIGNIFICANTLY AND EASTERN DESIRE FOR VACUOUS
PROPAGANDA BALLYHOO AT ANY HLM. WE DO RECOGNIZE,
HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO EXAMINING POSSIBILITY

OF OTHER TOPICS AND ALSO REALIZE THAT FEW OTHERS ARE AS OPPOSED TO A THIRD TOPIC AS WE ARE (EXCEPT CANADA AND PERHAPS SWITZERLAND).

3. IMMEDIATE FORMATION OF A THIRD WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER ALL OTHER TOPICS IS ONE TACTIC. IT HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF NOT FORCING THE SAEP REPS IN PLENARY TO COMMIT THEMSELVES ONE WAY OR THE OTHER ON STANOVNIK'S

THREE REMAINING TOPICS. TECHNICAL DELIBERATIONS COULD PROCEED ON WHAT VARIOUS CRITERIA COULD BE MET BY EACH PROPOSED ADDITIONAL TOPIC, WITHOUT COUNTRIES STATING THEIR POSITIONS PRO OR CON. HOWEVER, IMMEDIATE FORMATION OF SUCH A GROUP WILL MAKE IT SOMEWHAT MORE DIFFICULT, IN REALITY IF NOT IN THEORY, TO AVOID RECOMMENDING IN FINAL ANALYSIS AT LEAST ONE MORE TOPIC. WHILE WE MAY EVENTUALLY WISH TO USE THE WORKING GROUP APPROACH IT MAY BE EARLY TO AGREE TO IT FOR TACTICAL REASONS.

4. INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL TOPICS IN SAEP PLENARY RUNS THE RISK THAT COUNTRIES WILL REPEAT THEIR POSITIONS OF SEPTEMBER 1977, WITH SOME CHANGES, AND MAY EXPOSE THE U.S. AND CANADA AS VIRTUALLY ALONE IN OPPOSING A THIRD TOPIC, BEFORE WE HAVE SOME CHANCE OF GINNING UP WESTERN SUPPORT FOR DEMANDING THAT ANY POSSIBLE THIRD TOPIC MEET THE STRICT CRITERIA.
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5. MISSION SHOULD CONSULT WITH CANADIANS AND SWISS ON ABOVE TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS TO GAIN ADDITIONAL INSIGHT ON HOW WE MIGHT BEST PROCEED. SINCE U.S. MAY EVENTUALLY BE FORCED INTO ACCEPTING A THIRD TOPIC, WE SHOULD BE AS NEGATIVE AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT FLATLY STATING WE WILL NEVER ACCEPT THE IDEA. THE CRITERIA ARGUMENT IS STILL VALID AND SHOULD BE USEFUL .

6. AN ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION AT THE UPCOMING MEETING IS THE TIMING AND EXTENT OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS. DUE TO BUDGETARY AND MANPOWER CONSTRAINTS WORKING PARTY SESSIONS COULD BE HELD CONSECUTIVELY, SO THAT ONE OR TWO EXPERTS COULD PARTICIPATE IN ONE WORKING GROUP FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS, FOLLOWED BY A SECOND WORKING GROUP IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS. ALTERNATELY, OR IN ADDITION, WORKING GROUP MEETINGS COULD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDE SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE SAEP OR, IN THE CASE OF LONG RANGE TRANSPORT, ANOTHER GENEVA GATHERING (SUCH AS THE STEERING BODY MEETING). MISSION MIGHT BEGIN LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR CONSIDERATION OF THESE CONCERNS BEFORE JUNE 7-9 MEETING, SINCE U.S. -- AND WE SUSPECT OTHERS--

HAS SERIOUS MANPOWER AND BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS.

7. WE ARE NOT NOW INCLINED TO GRANT EASTERN DESIRE FOR
GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AT ANY
HLM. IF SUCH DISCUSSION IS LIMITED AND STRUCTURED, IT
MIGHT NOT BE UNACCEPTABLE. MISSION SOUNDINGS OF ATTITUDE
OF OTHER WESTERN CAUCUS REPS WOULD BE USEFUL.
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